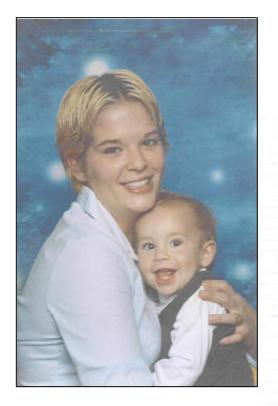


## Ride Safe Program Success

## The Ride Safe Child Passenger Safety

**Program** is a Head Start-based child passenger safety program that provides curriculum, child safety seats, and training to Head Start staff, parents, and community partners.

St. Croix Head Start, Wisconsin, partners with the Honoring Our Children Program to provide child safety seats to Head Start and other children on the Reservation. Tessa Roen, a young mother, received a child safety seat from the Ride Safe Program for her 1-1/2 year old daughter Vanessa LeeAnn. Tessa credits the child safety seat for saving her daughter's life during a car crash on April 2, 2004. During the crash, they were rear-ended by a car driving about 55 mph. The crash severed their car's rear axle and then caused the back seat to buckle. Fortunately, Vanessa was safely secured in her child safety seat and suffered no significant injuries.





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"Thank you so much for providing me and my daughter with that carseat. It saved my daughter's life...." Tessa M. Roen

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